

Sahuaro Weekly Update

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Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party. Glendale Glitters goes out with a bang with its annual finale to the season, the Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 8, from 4-11 p.m. with fun for the whole family! Take in the stunning 1.5 million lights along with dozens of hot air balloons glowing softly amidst the trees throughout 16 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale. [Read more.](#)

Promoting Inclusiveness Award Winner. Charles St. Clair is accustomed to accepting awards, but it's usually an Emmy or acting accolade. On January 14, the theatrical powerhouse, who is on faculty at ASU West, will be recognized by the city of Glendale for a different reason – his contribution to the causes of diversity and inclusiveness.

The "Promoting Inclusiveness Award" will be presented at the city's annual Unity Day Luncheon which celebrates the life and ideals of Martin Luther King, Jr. The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the



Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

St. Clair is an Emmy Award-winning actor and director with more than 300 productions to his name, but most notable to the award committee is his re-enactment each year of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. He re-creates this moment in America's civil rights movement for the "March on West" event at ASU West. As many as 800 middle school children take part in the annual celebration by gathering at Paley Gate at ASU West to re-enact the 1963 March on Washington.

Tickets to the 11th annual Unity Day Luncheon, considered one of the state's premier celebrations of King's life and ideals, are still available. Individual seats for the 2011 luncheon are \$40 per person. Tables can be reserved at a cost of \$400. Reservations can be made at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140 or by calling 623-930-2955. For more information, [click here.](#)

BCS Championship Game Information. Glendale, AZ welcomes Auburn University and the University of Oregon to the 2011 BCS National Championship Game on Jan. 10, 2011! **Event Info:** Along with the gridiron action, the game will bring a multitude of festivities to enjoy. [Click here](#) for a list.

Glendale Traffic Alert for BCS Championship Game on January 10. College football fans, Westgate City Center patrons and regular Loop 101 commuters are being advised of heavy traffic expected on the Loop 101 from Northern Avenue to Camelback Road in the afternoon and evening on Monday, Jan. 10, due to the BCS national championship game at University of Phoenix Stadium and the activities surrounding the game. Heavy traffic is also anticipated on the surface streets in and around Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District.

Traffic Restrictions

- Maryland Avenue between 93rd Avenue and 95th Avenue will be closed to all traffic except pedestrians and limited shuttle operations.
- 95th Avenue in front of the stadium will be closed to all traffic except pedestrians.
- Northbound 95th Avenue from Maryland Avenue to Coyotes Boulevard will be restricted to hotel guests only.
- For up to date traffic information, visit www.az511.com or dial 511.
- Glendale has established a new real-time traffic information source on Twitter – www.twitter.com/GlendaleTraffic

For more information, visit www.glendalesgotgame.com or www.fiestabowl.org.

Historic Preservation Web site. The city of Glendale has updated its historic preservation Web site at www.glendaleaz.com/historicpreservation. Now it's easier than ever for residents and tourists alike to research the city's eight designated historic districts and plan their visits to view everything from modest bungalows built in the early 1900s to Dutch Colonial Revival homes popular in the 1930s to the ranch style homes that proliferated at the end of World War II.

The Web site includes a virtual tour as a starting point and provides details on four other tours people may want to take:

- The Walking Tour
- The Historic Homes and District Tour
- The Historic Gems Tour
- The Landmark Tours

The Web site also lists the 18 properties in Glendale that are on the National Register of Historic Places. To learn more about the tours and Glendale's historic preservation efforts, [click here](#) or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

Glendale "Treecycling" Ends Sunday. The Sanitation Department has established several sites throughout the city where residents can drop off trees for recycling. The "treecycling" sites will be open through Sunday, Jan. 9. Trees must be unbagged, and all decorations, tree stands and metal stakes must be removed. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2660.

Authors @ the Teague. Arizona author Susan Pohlman will discuss and sign her new book, "Halfway to Each Other: How a Year in Italy Brought Our Family Home," during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, please call 623-930-3439.

Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering. The 15th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering will be held at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., on Saturday, January 22. The free event runs from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and includes live music performances throughout the day. Workshops on crafting songs, getting songs into film and TV, using social media to further a career in music, and song critique sessions will also be offered. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Coffeehouse. Acoustic music lovers are welcome to the Main Library Coffeehouse in the Auditorium at 6:30 p.m., on the third Thursday of the month. On January 20, [Forrest Smith](#), blues, rock and bluegrass guitarist and Mike Krzyston, finger style guitarist will be performing. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Glendale Family Bike Ride. The Glendale Family Bike Ride has been scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 2011 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. [Check here](#) for photos and more information coming soon.

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